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## Selected Poetry.

**The Brook.**

"O! I am tired," said the brook, complaining,  
"I have would stop a little while to rest;  
The clouds would weary were they always  
raining.  
The bird, like forever built her nest!"

"The stars withdrew from heaven and cease  
their shining.  
The sun himself drops down into the west;  
I have would stop a little while to rest;  
And catch my breath, and be an instant  
blest."

"All day a voice calls, Follow, dearest, follow,  
And follow on, I seek to reach the goal.  
See pause to live to your happy swallows,  
Telling in song the secret of his soul."

"O! I am tired," said the wind, blowing, in reply,  
"I have would stop a little while to rest;  
The clouds would weary were they always  
raining.  
The bird, like forever built her nest!"

The sun came up across the silver dawn,  
And hung a golden flame against the sky;  
He dashed not to drink the dew of morning,  
And when the night fell, he did the brook see  
(dry)

At rest! at rest! no more of toil unceasing;  
No watering of the roots of shrub or tree;  
No hurrying from the rain, nor still increasing  
To loiter, at last, within the sea!

## Original Story.

**MIDNIGHT AND NOONDAY.**  
WRITTEN FOR THE CHRISTIAN WITNESS.

BY ECCE FRATER.

CHAPTER VI.

"As you ask me what is my mind, I will reply by revealing a long fixed impression, the real secret I have been trying to make known to you for some time."

"Before you proceed, let me inform you that the constable arrested several boys, down town, on the charge of pilfering. They had been loafing around Wilson's grocery for a long time, and were under the eye of the clerk, on suspicion, and yesterday he came up with them and found several bills on their persons, stolen from the money-drawer."

"I am sorry to hear of such things; those boys are ruined for life. Oh, how their parents must feel!"

"Yes, and you call me cruel when I keep Will in of nights, and make him work; and if he had been let run, he too, would have been perhaps as bad as the boys under arrest."

"No, no, my dear husband, I never blamed you for keeping the boy off the streets, and from loafing about the stores. I could not expect any good end for Willie if he followed such a wicked and idle course, for boys almost invariably come to some bad end who run about the town after night, and loaf in stores by day."

"I knew that you would, by and by, give me credit for my course with the lad, and you will find out that I am always about right."

"Again, husband, you know that our boy never wants to be found in bad company, nor is he inclined to lounge around the shops and stores of the village."

"Yes, I give him credit for that."

"But I must return to the object I had in view at the commencement of our conversation. My mind concerning Willie can be stated thus:

1. That he is naturally inclined to piety, always was religiously inclined, and I believe he knows that it is to be in continual favor with God.

2. He is a apt scholar, and Mr. Wood says, will be a fine literary adept if he has a chance.

3. He is a natural orator, as his declarations before the large crowd at the exhibition evinced.

4. He loves the Bible and religious books, beyond all others.

5. He says himself that he would rather be a minister, than own all the world.

Thus I approach my long settled impression, that it is our duty to assist preparing the boy for the work of the Church."

"You astonish me wife, I

never thought of such a thing, and besides all that, it will require more expense than I am disposed to waste on other people's children."

"You do not suppose that you would be wasting money in using it for the Lord? No, I know that you do not, and it would be devoted to the glory of God if expended preparing a minister for the Church."

"I don't think there is any use talking, if this is the 'strange thing,' you had to tell me, I must confess that it is passing strange, and would so interfere with my plans that I cannot entertain the suggestion for a moment."

"What were, and are your plans then; please inform me! for I have freely expressed my sense of duty."

"Well, to be plain, and not waste precious time, for I must be going; it is my intention to pursue the following course with the boy."

TO BE CONTINUED.  
Buying Poultry.

Few housekeepers, and fewer cooks, are as good judges of the age of poultry as they ought to be. We all know when poultry comes to the table, whether it is tender or tough; and there should be no difficulty of knowing just as certainly, whether a chicken, duck, goose or turkey is old or young, when it is offered for sale. Now the following is offered as a rule by which poultry can be safely judged, which if read over for a few times, and then laid away for ready reference when needed, no person need purchase old, tough poultry unless from choice.

If a hen's spur is hard, and the scales on the legs rough, she is old, whether you see her head or not but the head will corroborate your observation. If the under bill is so stiff that you cannot bend it down, and the comb thick and rough, leave her, no matter how fat and plump, for some one less particular. A young hen has only the rudiments of spurs; the scales on the legs are smooth, glossy and fresh colored, whatever the color may be; the claws tender and short, the nails sharp, the under bill soft, and the comb thin and smooth.

An old hen turkey has rough scales on the legs, callousities on the soles of the feet, and long strong claws; a young one is the reverse of all these marks. When the feathers are on, the old turkey cock has a long tuft or beard, a young one but a sprouting one; and when they are off, the smooth scales on the legs decide the point, beside the difference in size of the wattles of the neck and in the elastic shoot of the nose.

An old goose when alive is known by the rough legs, the strength of the wings, particularly at the pinions, the thickness and strength of the bill, and the fineness of the feathers; and when plucked by the legs, the tenderness of the skin under the wings, by the pinions and the bill and the coarseness of the skin.

Ducks are distinguished by the same means, but there is this difference—that a duckling's bill is much larger in proportion to the breadth of its head than the old duck. A young pigeon is discovered by its pale colors, smooth scales, tender collapsed feet, and the yellow, long down interspersed among its feathers. A pigeon that can fly has always red-colored legs and no down, and is then too old for use.

The present number of Granges in Wisconsin is 220.

## Mrs. Bacon's Neighbors.

It was a block of yellow, brown houses in south Boston, looking as much like a sheet of gingerbread as anything.

An express wagon had just backed up to No. 21 in that block, and the driver unloosening ropes here and there, proceeded to unpack the luggage. "What have we here?" exclaimed Mrs. Bacon, the down stairs tenant. A menagerie, I do believe. Come here John."

There was, indeed, on the very top of the load, a gray horse that in the twilight looked very real till one noticed the harness on which it stood. But there was a kennel with a live terrier's head at the window a bird cage with its fluttering tenant, a crib and high chair besides, suggesting that the folks in the other part, might, in the language of Mrs. Bacon, "make music."

Now the down-stairs tenants, Mr. and Mrs. Bacon, were precise orderly people, living like many other city people, in desert-island fashion, and only hoping that everybody else would mind their own business.

It had been for weeks their great comfort that the "other part" was unoccupied, and now this load of household goods brimming over with pets and their belongings was an unwelcome sight.

There were no young Bacons thank heaven! Plants did not flourish in their shaded window, nor canary birds splash water from their tiny baths upon the clear glass. No dog barked a noisy welcome when his master returned at night. No cat purled in its mistress' lap. The housekeeping of the Bacons was a fight against dirt, dust, sunshine and noise.

Somehow pets bring all these.

"Well John," said Mrs. Bacon, as she turned from the window and pulled the shade over the sacred glass, "there's an end to peace and quiet. We must just keep the entry doors locked, and don't you be whistling or singing round to attract a child. 'Give them an inch and they'll take an ell.' If folks must have rocking-horses—and what goes with them—they ought to move into the country where they won't be pestering other people."

But, to the surprise of the Bacons, they were not "pestered," only by the patter of little feet overhead, or a woman's voice singing cradle songs or joining in her child's laughter. Crying there was, too, sometimes, but it was so soon hushed in motherly caresses, that it seemed a sort of rainbow grievance only.

At night, when the father returned, there was, indeed, quite a joyful noise up stairs, at which times John's face was a little wistful.

But the new family did not intrude for ever so small a favor.

Mrs. Bacon took good care to keep out of sight whenever the new tenants were passing through the entryway. One small pair of boots had considerable traveling to do up and down the stairs for a stroll upon the sidewalk, or to old "Dorchester Heights" just beyond, for spoils of spring fowers. One day little boots came back from this favorite resort, and instead of climbing up stairs, as usual, strayed hesitatingly toward Mrs. Bacon's kitchen door.

"Smell the gingerbread!" soliloquized Mrs. Bacon grimly. "Glad the door is locked." She glanced toward it to be sure.

Yes, it was locked, though the key had been transferred to another door. But shining through the keyhole was a very bright and sweet looking star of an eye. Only a moment it twinkled, and then there was thrust in very gently the stem of a dandelion, and the small boots scampered away up the stairs.

"Little mischief!" exclaimed Mrs. Bacon, and she would have pushed the intruding stem outside, but her hands were in the dough. If he wanted a piece of ginger-bread why didn't he say so? Mebbe he was afraid of me. Cats run like all possessed when they see me. I can't have my key holes choked up with dandelion stems—that's so! Soon I get my hands out of this, it will walk into the stove—that dandelion will."

But the dandelion was so fresh and perfect and brought right back the old childhood days to Mrs. Bacon so clearly that she changed her mind. There was an old horse-radish bottle on the pantry shelf, which, filled with water, received the dandelion. There, resting in the kitchen window, it smiled all day.

There was quite a commotion up stairs that night, and John and his wife drowsily hearing it, thanked their stars that they were not routed by children's wails.

## Hickory Bark for Coloring.

Hickory bark will color a beautiful bright yellow that will not fade by use. It will color cotton and wool. Have the bark shaved off, and chopped in small pieces, and put in a brass kettle or tin boiler with soft water enough to cover the bark, and boil till the strength is out; then skin out the chips and put in Alum. Have it pounded pretty fine. For a pailful of dye I should put in two good handfuls, and wet the goods in warm water so there will be no dry spots on them; wring them as dry as you can, shake them out and put them in the dye. Have a stick at hand to push them down and stir them immediately so they can have a chance all over alike. If the color is not deep and bright enough to raise the goods out of the dye, lay them across a stick over the kettle and put in another handful of alum.—Stir it well and dip again. It will want to be kept in the dye and over the fire to a scalding heat about an hour, and keep stirring and airing so they will not spot.

The Home Journal thus discourses on the etiquette of bowing. The difference between a courteous and a familiar bow should be remembered by gentlemen who wish to make a favorable impression. A lady dislikes to receive from a man with whom she has but a slight acquaintance, a bow, accompanied by a broad smile, as though he was on the most familiar terms with her. It is far better to err on the other side, and give one of those stiff ungracious bows which some men indulge in. Those gentlemen who smile with their eyes instead of their mouths, give the most charming bows. As for men who bow charmingly at one time and with excessive hauteur at another, according as they feel in a bad or good humor, they need never be surprised if the person thus treated should cease speaking altogether. A man should always lift his hat to a lady.

The suspense is over at last. We have now a final summing up of the achievements of the Ohio election. The Democrats elect a Governor, and the Republicans the remainder of the State ticket. Mr. LITTLE, the gentleman who was marked for defeat as the candidate for Attorney-General, is a Republican politician of cross-roads caliber, who has a local name and habitation in Greene county. He distinguished himself in the last General Assembly by engineering a measure known as the Little Lottery Bill, with a view to "making himself stout" in certain newspaper quarters. It is not to be presumed at all that his connection with that remarkable piece of legislation had any thing to do with his defeat.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

The state of education in France is discouraging. Over 200,000 children, from seven to thirteen years of age, receive no instruction whatever. Twenty-three per cent. of the young soldiers cannot read or write, and thirty-four per cent. of the married men and women cannot sign their marriage act. The most ignorant departments are Brittany, some of the central ones, and those adjoining Spain and the Mediterranean.

An examination of the latest Published list of those to whom Canadian patents have been granted discloses the fact that fully two-thirds of the patentees are residents of the United States.

New Haven is trying to find the names of the twenty-five gentlemen in that city who voted in favor of the capital amendment. The far, tenthers and pole are all ready for them.

Des Moines is again tinkering with petroleum gas in lieu of coal gas.

## Western Points.

Aurora, Ill., is to have a \$40,000 bridge.

Prairie fires are at their usual fall trick in Iowa.

The apple crop is reported a failure in Indiana.

Potatoes retail at \$1.60 a bushel in Jacksonville, Ill.

Onions declined from \$1 to 85 cents one day in Iowa.

During the season Dubuque has made 7,000,000 brick.

A new Grange hall has been dedicated at Janesville, Wis.

Fairbault, Minn., has commenced lighting her streets with gas.

The Upper Mississippi packers are retiring into winter quarters.

A Fort Wayne, Ind., merchant advertises his goods "at oxym."

Kenosha, Wis., has organized a horse-thief detective association.

This year the city taxes of Elgin, Ill., will be \$40,000 more than last year.

The corn crop of Minnesota has thus far sustained scarcely any damage from frost.

The population of Minnesota has increased 45,000 this year and three months left yet.

The salt shipments from Bay City, Mich., this season amount to about 475,000 barrels.

Rockport, Ind., young ladies will defer buying their fall dresses till the new preacher comes.

Burlington, Iowa, complains of a scarcity of dwelling houses renting for moderate amounts.

Portage county, O., has four Granges, one each at Ravenna, Edinburg, Randolph, and Windham.

Muscatine, Iowa, county Patrons of Husbandry had a harvest feast at Muscatine, October 8.

Rainy weather is sufficient excuse for the non-delivery of daily newspapers by Quincy, Ill., carrier.

The eighth annual reunion of the Seventeenth Illinois Infantry, was held at Galva, Ill., on the 21st of October.

The Des Moines, Iowa, River is filling up with bass, pike, and salmon, a result due to the anti-seining law.

Two young men have struck a vein of lead of unexampled richness about two miles from Dubuque, Iowa.

A Van Wert, Ind., boy ejected a gartersnake 18 inches in length, from his stomach, and feels relieved.

A cheese factory near Iowa Falls, Iowa, has averaged 600 pounds of cheese daily during the past season.

There are 180,000 bushels of wheat in the elevator and 2,000 barrels of flour in the railway warehouse at Duluth.

The Illinois State Teachers' Association will hold its annual meeting at Bloomington, Ill., on the 29th of December.

The valuation of Milwaukee has increased \$2,000,000 during the past year, while the increase of business done was \$12,000,000.

A laborer in a paper-mill near Grand Rapids, Mich., fell into a vat of lye, and was not rescued until every particle of skin was eaten from his body.